

REMARKS

The Office Action dated June 23, 2009, and in view of the above changes and following remarks reconsideration and allowance of all the claims pending in the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 15, 17 and 19-25 stand rejected, and claims 1-4, 6-14, 26, 28, 30-36, 39 and 40 stand allowed. By this amendment, claims 15 and 21 have been amended, and no claims canceled. Claims 1-4, 6-15, 17, 19-26, 28, 30-36, 39 and 40 remain pending.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 15, 17 and 19-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention.

The Examiner asserts that “Independent claim 15 recites a method, however, the claim does not further define what is performing the method steps” (See Office Action dated June 23, 2009, page 2, lines 9-10.)

Assignee has amended claims 15 and 21 to generally improve the form of claims 15, 17 and 19-25 in accordance with U.S. patent law.

Additionally, Assignee respectfully submits that the “what” that is performing a method of protecting Management Frames in wireless communications is a determination whether the Management Frames are protection-capable or are non- protection-capable; an addition of a Robust Security Network (RSN) Capabilities bit to the Management Frames if the Management Security Frames are protection-capable, such that a state of the RSN Capabilities indicates whether the Management Security Frames are set to protection-capable; and protection of the Management Frames for Management Frame protection negotiation by applying an IEEE 802.11i protocol-based encryption technique to the protection-capable Management Frames if the state of said RSN Capabilities bit is set to protection-capable.

Consequently, Assignee respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this rejection and allow claims 15, 17 and 19-25.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 6-14, 26, 28, 30-36, 39 and 40 stand allowed.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments, arguments and remarks, it is urged that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone Assignee's attorney (503-296-8373) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4238.

Respectfully submitted,

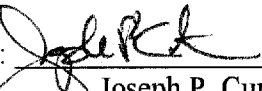
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